**Import of quality seeds**

2269. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to import quality seeds for farmers to boost foodgrains, oilseeds and pulses production;

(b) if so, the total quantity of seeds that are being imported;

(c) whether Government is considering to take steps to improve its production so that Government may revive import of edible oils;

(d) whether out of 7 million tonne edible oil imports nearly 1 to 1.50 million tonne will be imported by public sector undertakings;

(e) whether total oil duty cut has affected oil seeds sector; and

(f) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. Government has not taken any such decision for the ensuing agricultural season.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) 1. Sufficient seed of oilseeds is available for Kharif, 2009. The overall availability is 52,67,296 quintals against requirement of 42,81,298 quintals.

2. Seed related activities are being assisted by the Government of India under the following programmes:—

(A) Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

(B) National Food Security Mission (NFSM).

(C) Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM).

(D) Technology Mission on Cotton

(E) Technology Mission on Jute and Mesta.

(F) Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds; and

(G) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

3. Following steps have been taken to improve the production of Oilseeds/oil palm:—

(i) A Centrally Sponsored Integrated Schemes of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major Oilseeds and pulses and 15 maiz growing States to increase the production and productivity of these crops in the country.

(ii) Oil Palm Development Programme is being implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh Karnataka, Gujarat, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Mizoram

under ISOPOM for which an amount of Rs. 320 crores for 2009-10 has been kept as B.E.

(iii) Financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, etc. to encourage farmers to grow Oilseeds/oil palm.

(iv) Integrated Pest Management demonstrations are organized for the farmers to disseminate modern technologies.

(v) Assistance is also available under programmes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

(d) to (f) The import of edible oils was 4269375 tonnes during the year 2006-07, 4903388 tonnes during the year 2007-08 and 6194550 tonnes during the year 2008-09 (April, 2008 to February, 2009.

**Shortage of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh**

2270. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impending shortage of fertilizers particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, for the coming season has come to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that more than 13 lakh tonnes of different fertilizers fell short of supply to the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to provide the above fertilizers, including complex fertilizers to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

The availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and Complex fertilisers in Andhra Pradesh during the period from April to June, 2009 of current Kharif, 2009 is as under:

('Qty. in '000 tonnes)

| State | Particulars | Urea | DAP | MOP | Complex |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | Demand/Assessed requirement | 300.00 | 165.00 | 75.00 | 370.00 |
| | Supply (Availability) | 377.37 | 298.03 | 87.27 | 385.38 |
| | Sales | 227.89 | 211.76 | 71.64 | 336.40 |